

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to amendment filed on 02/10/2009 and communication with Mr. William L. Androlia on 05/22/2009.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William L. Androlia on 05/22/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 18, please delete **"the"** (line 13 before operation and line 14 before change); delete **"and/or"** (line 36 after apparatus) and insert --- **or** ---.

In claim 20, delete **"16 or "**.

In claim 22, delete **"16 or "**.

In claim 23, delete **"16 or "**.

In claim 28, delete **"24 or "**.

In claim 36, please delete **"the"** (line 10 before operation and line 11 before change); delete **"and/or"** (line 18 before arrival) and insert --- **or** ---.

Cancel claims 16, 19, 24 - 25, 27, and 29 - 35.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YVES DALENCOURT whose telephone number is (571)272-3998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5:30.

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